GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1115
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Safety Fund
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways is reportedly planning to impose a 'safety cess' to mop up funds for its proposed non-lapsable National Railway Safety Fund (NRSF) so as to upgrade its infrastructure to improve safety standards and avoid accidents;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Railways is contemplating on seeking about 60 per cent of the funds for the safety programme from the Finance Ministry, and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Railways is planning to raise the remaining funds from other measures including a cess, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Railways plans to use nearly 20-30 percent of the funds to upgrade rolling stock and setting up train collision avoidance systems and if so, the facts thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (e) A committee was constituted for putting up consolidated proposal for creation of 'Rashtriya Rail Sanraksha Kosh(RRSK)', a non-lapsable fund. The committee has submitted its report in December 2015. The committee in its report has envisaged the works of Track Renewal and Upgradation, Bridge Rehabilitation, Elimination of Level Crossings, Construction of Road Over Bridges/Road Under Bridges, Replacement and Improvement of Signalling System, Improvement and Upgradation of Rolling Stock, Replacement of Electrical Assets and Human Resource Development at a total cost of `1,19,183 at current price level.
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